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FOR PRESIDENT:
GROVER CLEVELAND,
OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:
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OF ILLINOIS.

In politics, as in religion, can not a man honestly experience a change of heart, Judge Dinning?

DICK DALTON proved himself every inch a man and Democrat at the state convention last week. He is undoubtedly one of the coming men of Missouri and the future has honors in store for him.

Do the papers that are supporting Sam. Byrns for a renomination endorse that gentleman's course in Congress? If so, say so, and give us the reasons for the faith that is within you. Let us understand your position.

A COUPLE of months since Mr. Byrns wrote "I can not be an office seeker." From the scramble he is now engaged in to secure the nomination, it is very evident that a decided change has come over the spirit of his dreams.

JASPER N. BURKS has withdrawn from the Congressional contest. This is exactly what we have maintained would happen for some time past. Mr. Byrns will now have to come out from the bushes and do his own campaigning.

W. J. STONE, the Democratic nominee for Governor, is an able man, a consistent Democrat and a splendid campaigner. The remainder of the ticket is equally good, and Democracy will carry the State by a grand majority in November next.

JEFFERSON CITY does not possess the accommodations to entertain a state convention, and the experience of last week clearly demonstrates that the calling of the convention there was a grave blunder. Let the State Central Committee make no more such mistakes, but in future hold the conventions in one of our great cities where the visitors can, at least, obtain something to eat and a place whereon to rest their weary heads.

THE REGISTER sincerely regrets that in its devotion to tariff reform, it is incurring the enmity and abuse of the Byrns organs. We prefer to dwell together in unity, but we must push the cause of Democracy, hurt whose personal aspirations it may. We can't make an exception for even so celebrated an individual as the Hon. Sam. Byrns. Our desire is that the man who represents this district in the next Congress shall be a Democrat, and one who will faithfully reflect the views of his constituents; and such a man we are going to have.

HON. F. M. CARTER, candidate from this county, carried Carter county on the 9th. The question of congressional preference was submitted to the people at the county primary election, and Mr. Carter received double the number of votes of any of the candidates, Mr. Edgar of Ironton being the next highest, and he received a majority over all, there being three other candidates voted for—Edgar, Byrns and Fynn.—*Farmingville Times.*

Come, come! We feel rather friendly to the St. Francois aspirant, and won't quarrel with you as to his chances. Yet it is well enough to stick to facts. The vote in Carter county was: F. M. Carter, 257; W. R. Edgar, 167; Sam. Byrns, 119; Fynn, 57; J. E. Organ, 5. So, you see, Mr. Carter did not receive "double the number of votes" given to Mr. Edgar, a majority over all.

MR. BYRNS could well afford to pay the Ironton REGISTER to keep up its besmirching warfare upon him.—*Centreville Reformer.*

We defy any one to show wherein we have made a single statement in regard to Sam. Byrns in this campaign that is not wholly true. The REGISTER never makes a "besmirching warfare," we talk openly and honestly. There is not a Byrns paper in the district that has ever attempted to deny any of the charges we have preferred against the distinguished Sam.; they know and well know that all we have said is true; they cannot answer us fairly but seek to beg the question by saying we are "abusing" Byrns. We merely criticize his official record, and this we have a perfect right to do. The truth is, Byrns' official course was not in accord with the desires of his constituency; this his friends know, and that is why they howl at the REGISTER's course.

THE question as to who will go to the next Congress as the first representative from the new Thirteenth, is a very mooted one. There is no lack of candidates several of whom would not be above their level in Washington; but in office seeking the fittest does not always survive. There is where the danger lies. An injudicious choice by our convention; a weak campaign and the chances, though poor, for a Republican to represent us; an injudicious choice in the general election exposes us to the danger of ignored instructions and a general slaughter of our wishes as constituents by a representative who only acknowledges that he is "not greater than his party" once in two years and that just previous to the elec-

tion. Such mistakes should be avoided. What we need in an officer is, first, honesty of purpose, second, ability to do and third, an untarnished record.—*Current Local.*

Look out, brother—look out! The first thing you know the De Soto Gazette will be hauling you over the coals for such "abuse" of Sam. Byrns. 'Tis true he misrepresented his party and trod the will of his constituents under foot; but you mustn't mention it, because it's "abuse."

"ROME in her decadence was ruled by a triumvirate. Is the Thirteenth District to lie supine and helpless at the feet of her three bosses—Dinning, Byrns and Burks?"—*Ironton Register.*

Is that the same Burks whose statesmanship, good character and worthy Democratic make-up generally you praised so highly when he was running for State Senator in this district two years ago? Is he the same man you tried to read us out of the Democratic party for opposing?—*Cash-Book.*

The Cash-Book places us in a wrong light. What we maintained two years ago was that Jasper N. Burks, as the Democratic nominee, was far superior to Jno. V. Neeli or Kossuth Weber the Republican, and as a Democratic paper it was the Cash-Book's duty to support him. This we still insist. By the way, Burks is the least obnoxious, by far, of this triumvirate, and if Dinning & Byrns were half so acceptable we would be satisfied. The trouble with Jasper this year is that he has fallen into bad company.

The Hon. Sam. Byrns.

MR. BYRNS, under date of July 18th, you announce yourself a candidate for Congress, and coupled with that announcement you see fit to say several things concerning the REGISTER and its conduct during the present campaign.

Contrary to the practice adopted by your organs, the REGISTER shows you fair play by copying in full your letter wherein you declare your candidacy and the alleged causes leading thereto.

Two years ago the REGISTER favored your nomination; after your nomination, it advocated your election, with all the vigor and force which its editor possessed: persistently and without ceasing, up to the day of election. The REGISTER was for you because it believed you would fitly and fairly represent in Congress the great issues which dominated the campaign and gave the Democracy of the Union a victory without parallel. Has your official course vindicated the faith placed in you by your constituents? The answer to this question is that by which you must stand or fall.

Your first act after election affecting your constituents was that of going to Jefferson City as an attorney for a corporation to lobby against a bill pending before the Legislature. Of the merits or demerits of that bill, it is unnecessary now to speak. It was a bill introduced at the instigation of the F. & L. U., and other labor organizations, to which organizations, before election, you had made numerous if not unlimited pledges—formal and printed pledges, to which your autograph was, as we know of our own knowledge, duly attached. Yet the introduction of the very first measure intended to ameliorate the condition of the laborer found you ready prepared to assist in its defeat. You plead that you were there merely as an attorney, with "so much in hand the whilst," and that your action was at the bidding of the corporation which had hired and, for the time, owned you. Mr. Byrns, is this not the worst of all pleas? As a paid attorney you could not stop to inquire if the thing to be done was good, bad or indifferent. You were the slave to your employers, and all other interests—of your constituency, of the State—must be subservient to the fee which bound you to your willing thralldom. That fee no doubt was a large one—it should have been, for it bought in addition to the talent of an able lawyer the prestige attaching to the high and honorable position of Congressman; but however large, and however much it fattened the leanness of your purse, was it large enough, Sam? An answer from you to this question is scarcely to be expected; but if you were to answer, in the light of succeeding events, a thundering no must roll down the avenues of ever-receding time.

You will remember, Mr. Byrns, that the REGISTER did not immediately give voice to the dissatisfaction expressed by your people at this your first lapse from their interests; it hoped that your speech before the committee having the Hiller bill in charge was a legacy left over from a private practice, and that you would sin no more. We were confirmed in this opinion after reading a letter from you to one of your constituents, wherein you assured him that you had merely made a speech for which you were paid as an attorney—only that and nothing more; you had done no lobbying whatever with the members for or against the Hiller bill. We were again a little perplexed when certain members of the Legislature denied the truth of your disclaimer; but we still maintained a deep silence; for, with those we love and for whom we have labored, we are patient and of long-suffering. Don't you know that if Mr. Kinsey had been elected and had gone up to Jefferson City and done the thing you did, that we would have jumped on him with both feet, without

seeking for him fatuous and impossible excuse? (And so, by the way, would every one of the little sheets whose sole purpose now is to cover up your delinquencies by proclaiming that the REGISTER's editor was once a Republican. Some of these latter, however, have excuse; the smell of the diaper has not left their little bodies.) If Mr. Kinsey had done this thing, would you call criticism of it "abuse?" Answer as best you can.

Your vote against Roger Q. Mills was your next lapse, and for a time was inexplicable to most of us, for none then questioned your devotion to Tariff Reform. It was explained to a few at the time who knew of your personal preference for David B. Hill as against Grover Cleveland; you voted for Crisp in order to "down" Cleveland and his admirers; you voted against Roger Q. Mills although you knew that nearly every man who had voted for you preferred him for Speaker. Preferred him not because his name was Roger Q. Mills and he came from Texas, but because he was the embodiment of the issue nearest and dearest to their hearts.

Even then the REGISTER hesitated to give voice to the universal cry of dismay and indignation called forth by your vote, and it was not until twelve prominent Democrats of Jefferson county publicly condemned you that we were forced into reluctantly giving expression to the undivided sentiment of the Democracy of the Tenth District.

Do you believe, in criticising your action, we are unsupported by your constituents? Do you think they look upon such criticism as "abuse?" Lay no such flattering unction to your soul, Samuel, for it will turn to a blister hot as cayenne pepper and as enduring as the wreck of ages.

It pleases you and your organs to assert that the REGISTER's criticisms are dictated by advocacy of Mr. Edgar for the position you now hold. Was it in advocacy of Mr. Edgar that the above mentioned twelve Democrats entered their protests against you? Was it in behalf of his candidacy that your mails were burdened with letters from indignant and incensed constituents? That thousands of laborers and wage-earners all over the district exclaimed against your course? If so, Mr. Edgar is indeed a strong opponent, and you may well beware his candidacy.

Now as to the charge that you did not attend the Washington county mass meeting because you feared to meet the people and answer such questions as might be propounded you. Since the REGISTER felt impelled to criticise your actions, it has never yet been able to extract from any one of the numerous organs which advocate your cause a response to its demand for justification of your course as a public servant. Flynn of the De Soto Gazette apologized for you once, but never once attempted to justify you, except by perfunctorily calling you "a high-minded and honorable gentleman;" the Potosi Independent by telling what a wicked Republican the REGISTER's editor was twenty-six years ago; and the other little one-ideaed following by quoting from the Independent. Not one of them attempts to justify you with reason and argument.

Two days before the mass meeting in Potosi you were there; when the day of the meeting came, you were not; and your friends and strikers asserted that you had gone to Washington City, in response to the call of official duty. Yet three days later you got aboard a train at Victoria, went to St. Louis, and spent three days in the city. In view of all these facts, is it not a just deduction that you kept away from the meeting because of your inability to satisfy the demands of those who asked reason at your hands? Have you ever given a satisfactory reason for your official action? If you have ever even attempted to do so, we have not heard of it; and, as ardent supporters of yours two years ago, we think the REGISTER and its Democratic readers were entitled to so much. It is true, the Republic said several months ago that you were "induced to vote for Crisp by a prominent Democrat in your district in whom you had great confidence." This may be true; at any rate, you have never taken the trouble to deny it; but what a plea it is! O, the overweening confidence which induced you to ignore the wishes of sixteen thousand Democrats, and listen to the voice of the single charmer! No doubt his "well done, good and faithful servant," is your reward for the "long, bitter and expensive campaign" to which you so plaintively refer.

But you insist that the mention of your name for re-election by your friends has drawn from the REGISTER "abuse" "seldom equaled in virulence," and that this "abuse" is showered impartially upon the devoted heads of yourself and friends. The same thing has been said, as if with one voice propelled by one pair of lungs, by the various organs which are determined to sink all the sins of your official career of today beneath the political shortcomings of the editor of this paper a quarter of a century ago. Yet, strange to say, not one of them—not yourself, we grieve to have to relate,—has ever, though frequently solicited, condescended to point out a single sentence or a single line constituting the "abuse" complained of. We have related facts concern-

ing yourself and your law partner, Judge Dinning, which were not perhaps palatable; but they are germane to the campaign, and we have the right to tell them. Of the latter gentleman, for instance, we have said that he told an Iron county man at Van Buren that he (D.) "had a knife up his sleeve for Iron county," and we reminded the Judge that he was ungrateful, for Iron county had often favored him. And we also mentioned that the Judge had designated the present standard-bearer of the Democratic party of the Union as "nothing but a tub of guts." Now, we admit that the words in quotation are not refined and high-toned in their significance as they might be; but they are Judge Dinning's words—not ours. If quoting him in "the exact language of his own words"—as he does us when he can—is "abuse," how much greater is his abuse of the REGISTER's editor! To every question concerning the issues of the day, and the relation of yourself, Samuel, thereto, Judge Dinning replies by bringing up our Republicanism of twenty-odd years ago. We don't quarrel with him for it: a grant from a hog, a bowl from a hit dog, and evasion from a pettifogger—these are the distinguishing attributes of a well ordered but diversified and far-reaching education. If this rehearsal of the "eternal fitness of things" be "abuse," acquiesce, we pray you, and charge it to the flat of undeviating nature.

If it was the REGISTER's "abuse" that induced your candidacy, and if that avowed candidacy will impel, even at this late hour, a declaration of the reasons which caused you to go to Jefferson City and lobby for the defeat of the Hiller bill; and also to vote for Crisp for Speaker—then, indeed, has it served a purpose beyond the power of your constituents. But are you sure, Samuel, that "abuse" has brought about your candidacy? Did nothing—positively nothing—go before? How was Martin L. Clardy enabled six weeks ago to say—"I tell you, Byrns' refusal to be a candidate has a string tied to it. Just wait till after the Appellate Convention, and Dinning is knocked out. Then Burks will quit, but Sam. will be strictly in it!" Has the Hon. Mart. foreknowledge, or did he speak whereof he knew because he wasn't more than three flights from the ground floor of the combine—Dinning, Burks and Byrns? We never will believe that Mart. was in the cabal; he's too wary for that; but he can put his ear to the ground and hear as far as any living man. He knew you were going to be a candidate, long before the Washington county mass meeting and the REGISTER's item concerning it. In our humble opinion, you wanted to see the show, and you thought you could crawl in under the canvass. But you failed, Samuel—see?

You say the Potosi mass meeting instructed for you "overwhelmingly." If that meeting was "overwhelmingly" in your favor, why did your friends object to choosing the delegation by ballot? W. S. Anthony, prosecuting attorney of Washington county, and one of your warmest supporters, said, after the affair was concluded: "We didn't want a vote by ballot, for if that had been taken you would have beaten us." You must discipline Mr. Anthony; he must be taught better, for the combine abhors frankness as the devil does holy water.

You also—and your organs as well—talk exultingly of "redeeming" the Tenth District in 1890. Did you or they ever consult the Manual of Missouri and compare the figures of 1890 with those of 1888 so far as they concerned the Tenth District? If you haven't, then do so without delay, and you will see just how the district was "redeemed."

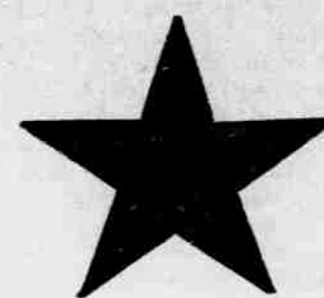
In conclusion, Hon. Samuel, if anyone should so far transgress the bounds of decency as to refer in slighting terms to the simultaneousness of Jasper's going out and your coming in, deal gently with him and forgive his "abuse," for he knows not what he does. He may mean well, but the workings of the combine are properly beyond his understanding. Let your organs remind him of the "redemption" of the district,—of the former Republicanism of the editor of the REGISTER—and you will bind him to your cause as with hooks of steel. He will cease from troubling, and the weary combine shall find rest.

1888, Clardy received 16,886 votes; Kinsey, 10,280; Rathford, 4,421. In 1890, Byrns received 16,274 votes; Kinsey, 15,095; and Baker, 52. Mr. Clardy's vote was 214 greater than Mr. Byrns', and the latter gentleman was elected because some 4,000 Republicans chose to keep away from the polls.

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